

Harry Elmore Hurd Papers

1915-1958

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 13
Creator:	Hurd, Harry Elmore, 1889-1958
Title:	Harry Elmore Hurd Papers, 1915-1958
Dates:	1915-1958
Size:	7 linear feet (6 boxes, 22 volumes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	This collection contains papers of Harry Elmore Hurd (1889-1958), a pastor at Centre Congregational Church in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Hurd served from 1924-1929. He was also a well-known poet who had published six books.

Biographical Sketch

Harry Hurd was born on 23 April 1889, in Goshen, New Hampshire, son of Ernest H. Hurd and Jenny S. (Pike) Hurd. Hurd also had a sister Mildred (Hurd) Underhill. He attended Lynn public schools. Hurd graduated from Boston University in 1916; while there he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. He graduated from Harvard University in 1922.

Hurd was a Chaplain, First Lieutenant with the 33rd Engineers during World War I. It is not known when Hurd first married, but Lillian Hurd (born 1887) was from Canterbury, New Hampshire. She met Hurd when they were living in Boston. They divorced in 1928.

After the war Hurd served as the pastor of the Centre Congregational Church in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Hurd served from 1924-1929; he read his resignation letter from the pulpit at the close of Sunday service stating he was leaving because there was a member of the church who wanted to control things by controlling the "purse-strings," and Hurd stated that he did not want to work for a dictator. The person with whom Hurd had conflict is not known.

Hurd married Eleanor (Rowell) Magison, who was divorced from Frederick H. Magison. The service took place at Eleanor's home in South Danville, New Hampshire. After Haverhill, Hurd was transferred to Reading, Massachusetts, and in 1934 was working in Quincy, Massachusetts. On May 25, 1953, Hurd was awarded the Golden Rose Award, which is given by the New England Poetry Club.

Hurd died on 21 August 1958, of a heart attack at his home on Sweet Hill Avenue in Haverhill, Massachusetts. At the time of his death Hurd had published over 250 works, including at least six books and 60 anthologies.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains the correspondence, poetry, and writings of Harry Elmore Hurd. The papers are made up of six series. Series one contains personal papers, such as correspondence, and documents from World War I. Series two contains poems written by Hurd. Series three contains lectures and Sermons given by Hurd. Series four has newspaper clippings that relates to Hurd. Series five has scrapbooks donated to the library from Hurd.

Arrangement

Series 1: Correspondence, 1918-1958, undated

Series 2: Poems, 1926, undated

Series 3: Lectures and Sermons, 1915-1958

Series 4: Newspaper Clippings, 1927-1958

Series 5: Scrapbooks, 1915-1958, undated

Administrative Information

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Custodial History: Unknown

Acquisition Information: Found in collection. Scrapbooks donated by creator.

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Tech. Access Restrictions: None.

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Related Material: MSS 47 Centre Congregational Church Records

Separated Material: None.

Conservation Notes: None.

Subjects: Haverhill (Mass.)—Authors
Haverhill (Mass.)—History
Hurd, Harry Elmore, 1889-1958
World War, 1914-1918--Chaplains--United States.

Related Archival and Museum Materials at Other Institutions:

Harry Elmore Hurd lived in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and his papers can be found in other repositories in New England. For more information about Harry Elmore Hurd please see the following Collections:

Harry Elmore Hurd Papers, 1889-1958 (2008.009)

New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, New Hampshire. Materials in this collection includes documents and photographs compiled over Hurd's life and shortly after his death.

“Birds Have Tales” (Mss 003341)

Rauner Special Collections Library, Dartmouth University, Hanover, New Hampshire. The manuscript collection contains typescript poems by Harry Elmore Hurd.

Richard Eberhart papers (MS-1082)

Rauner Special Collections Library, Dartmouth University, Hanover, New Hampshire. Communications with Hurd can be found in Box 35, Folder 1.

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Personal Papers, 1918-1945, undated

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
World War 1 Correspondence, 1918	1	1
War Department Papers, 1918	1	2
33 rd Engineer Chaplain Book, Part 1	1	3
33 rd Engineer Chaplain Book, Part 2	1	4
Correspondence, 1923-1958, undated	1	5
Colorized Photograph, undated	1	6

Series 2: Poetry, 1926, undated

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
World War 1 Poems, undated	1	7
"Haverhill the Beautiful," 1926	1	8
"One Man's Journey," undated	1	9
"Romola and other Poems," undated	2	1
"Why Be A Protestant," undated	2	2
Typescript Poems "A" - "F," undated	2	3
Typescript Poems "G" - "N," undated	2	4
Typescript Poems "O" - "Y," undated	2	5
"Adventures of the Pine Tree Three," undated	4	Item
"For Freemasons Only," undated	5	Item
"New Hampshire Heritage," V.1 & 2, undated	6	Item
"Seedlings Grow Tall," undated	7	Item
"Stars over Sweet Hill," undated	8	Item

Series 3: Lectures and Sermons, 1915-1958

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
"The Authority of the Bible," 1915	2	6
"The Great Stone Face or The Power of a Lofty Ideal," 1915	2	7
"The Bible and Evolution," 1916	2	8
"The Bible and History," 1916	2	9

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
"The Bible and the World or Christ and Civilization," 1916	3	1
"The End of the Trail," 1916	3	2
"The Flume and the Basin of The Power of Little Things," 1916	3	3
"The Holy Catholic Church," 1916	3	4
"The Inspiration of the Bible," 1916	3	5
"The Making of the Bible," 1916	3	6
"The Study of the Bible," 1916	3	7
"Crawford Notch – The Perils of the Pioneer," 1923	3	8
"The Uttermost for the Highest," 1923	3	9
"God the Gentlemen," 1924	3	10
"The Test of Leisure," 1925	3	11
"My Idea of God," 1927	3	12
"A Sky Pilot in Brittany," 1927	3	13
"Anthony Thieme," 1941, undated	3	14
"Memorial Day Address," 1942	3	15
"Paradoxes in the Life and Poetry of John Greenleaf Whittier," 1958	3	16
"Where Do We Go From Here," 1958	3	17
"Apes at the Church Window," undated	3	18
"In Memory of Those...," undated	3	19
"The Practice of Poetry," undated	3	20
"Seeing What We See," undated	3	21
"These Folks Called Yankees, undated	3	22
"The Trail to the Summit or Overcoming Difficulties," undated	3	23

Series 4: Newspaper clippings, 1927-1958

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Newspaper clippings, 1927-1958	3	24

Series 5: Scrapbooks and Essays, 1915-58, undated

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
"Possessions of a Sky Pilot," 1915-1928	9 (OS)	Item
Scrapbook titled "Photographs"	9 (OS)	Item
Scrapbook, undated	9 (OS)	Item
"Afoot and Horseback," 1920-1938	10	Item
"Preachers without Pulpit," 1922-1939	11	Item
"Artists and Writers," 1926-1936	12	Item
Essays, 1928-1957	13 (OS)	Item
Essays for <i>Youth: Protest and leaders</i> , 1930-1933	14	Item
"Yankee Boundaries," 1949-1958	15	Item
Longfellow Scrapbook, undated	13 (OS)	Item
Poems, 1923-1937	16	Item 1
Poems, 1928, 1938	17 (OS)	Item
Poems, 1924-1939	18	Item
Poems, 1928-1938	19	Item
Poems, 1929-1942	16	Item 2
Poems, 1930-1934	16	Item 3
Poems, 1930-1934	20	Item 1
Poems, 1930-1939	21	Item
Poems, 1938-1941	22	Item
Poems, 1939-1940	20	Item 2
Poems, 1940-1942	23	Item
Poems, 1941-1944	24	Item
Poems, 1943-1948	25	Item
Poems, 1945-1950	26	Item
Poems, 1949-1958	27	Item
Poems for my comrades of the 33 rd US Engineers, undated	28	Item